

Executive Committee
Boulder Faculty Assembly
Minutes
May 10, 1999

Attending:

Chair John W. Daily, Vice Chair Bob Schulzinger, Secretary Barbara Bintliff, BFA at-large reps Cathy Comstock and John Cooper, BFA Academic Affairs Committee Chair Martha Jo Sani, BFA Budget and Planning: Faculty Benefits and Compensation Chair Sanjai Bhagat, UCSU Academic Affairs Student Rep Trey Lyons, BFA Chair Elect Frank Beer, Vice President for Budget and Finance John Bliss, Vice Chancellor for Administration Paul Tabolt, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Bill Kaempfer, Director of Public Safety Jim Fadenrecht, Director of Parking and Transit Services Joy Roy, Silver and Gold reporter Jeff Dodge

Not attending:

BFA Budget & Planning Committee Chair Uriel Nauenberg, BFA Communications Committee Chair Tom Geers, BFA Infrastructure: Libraries Committee Chair Steven Bruns, BFA Student Affairs: Intercollegiate Athletics Chair Michael Preston, BFA Diversity: Committee on Women Co-Chairs Chonin Horno-Delgado and Carla Farsi, BFA Faculty Affairs Committee Chair Yolanda Maloney, ASC Chair Jeffrey Mitton

A meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee was held on Monday, May 10, 1999, in Porter Biosciences Room B121. Chair John W. Daily presided. The meeting convened at 3:30 p.m. and adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes

MOVED by Barbara Bintliff and seconded by Bob Schulzinger that the minutes of May 3, 1999 be approved.

The motion carried.

The BFA Executive Committee minutes will be forwarded to the BFA, Jeff Mitton, and UCB administrators each week after approval.

B. Report from Chair Daily

Letter to Departments Re: Indirect Cost Recovery

John Daily revisited the issue that the Budget committee and administration had agreed that for accounts that are flagrantly overspent, the interest charges should be charged back to the departments. Daily stated that the letter that was to go out to the departments notifying them of this change in policy has not yet been composed, and recommended that the letter be written and sent in collaboration with administration. Daily suggested that delivery of the letter be postponed to the fall.

C. Special Reports

Report from the Vice President for Budget and Finance

Administrative Streamlining Project -

Vice President John Bliss reported that ASP is moving forward, and that interim leadership has been chosen for the two consolidated service centers:

1. Payroll and Benefits is being run by Karl Randall and Betsy Rodriguez
2. Procurement and Accounts Payable is being run by Harry Massey, who is also the director of ASP.

Bliss stated that, in terms of ASP relative to its business plan, the savings are somewhat less than had been anticipated, but that costs are also less. Bliss also stated that the go-live date on July 1st should not be considered the end of the process, but the beginning of the transition. Discussion followed. John Cooper reported that there is some concern that the campus presence for the HR part of ASP is unclear. Bliss responded that the Project Leaders Group will be looking at that issue as the process moves forward, including working through the problem of an HR go-live date.

Penalty Charges on Sponsored Project Accounts -

Bliss stated that the issue is a problem of cash management, and the CU has hired an external cash management consultant to address how the deficits occur. He further reported that the initial meeting with the consultant was this morning and Uriel Nauenberg was in attendance; that the group that will be working on improving cash management of sponsored programs will work through the summer; and that they will aim for implementation of solutions to the problem in the fall. Bliss later noted that the group that will be addressing this issue will be looking at how other AAU Institutions approach this problem.

Discussion followed. John Cooper stated that a perception of unfairness is part of the penalty charges problem: that currently, the treasury is representing that the charges are a good source of unrestricted funds for the campus. Cooper continued that this is not a good business practice and can be seen by some as skimming unrestricted funds for campus off of research dollars. Bliss responded that he does not see the penalty charges as a money maker for the campus. Cooper suggested that administration tabulate how much in unrestricted funds is needed, and then get the funds somewhere else.

Frank Beer noted that some of deficit might be caused by insufficiently assertive filing of federal papers by the Office of Contracts and Grants: and that another fairness issue, then, is whether researchers with overspent accounts should be charged for something that is out of their control. Bliss responded that the process of how the deficits occur is part of what the consultant will be looking at. Beer also questioned the spread between interest charged on departmental accounts and interest paid: 1.6% is returned to CU Boulder on their unexpended tuition and ICR funds, while 10% is charged on their overspent accounts.

Health Benefits Deficit-

Bliss reported that the Regents have approved three measures to address the Health Benefits problem:

- 1) A separate health benefits fund has been created, starting May 1st, that will receive its total share of interest generated.
- 2) An \$11.6 million treasury loan is being considered that would cover any cash deficits and allow the program to continue to operate.
- 3) The distribution of 2.1 million from UCIP (University of Colorado Insurance Pool) from excess reserves. The distribution of these funds is to take place this week, and will cover claims through May.

Bliss stated that the two short-term committees being formed will be working on:

- 1) Funding options to cover the (currently) \$11.3 million deficit and
- 2) Financial oversight, including issues of account structure and distribution of the deficit.

Bliss reported that he believes UBAB (University Benefits Advisory Board) should be at the center of Health Benefits issues; that they have been meeting on a regular basis; and that they are currently involved in hiring a new CU benefits manager.

Proposed Changes to CU's Retiree Parking Permit Policy

Vice Chancellor Paul Tabolt reported that the motivation behind the proposed changes to the parking policy is that the number of retirees eligible for free parking permits is steadily increasing, and that currently, retiree permits account for 34% of all faculty/staff permits, and are projected to account for 50% by 2007. Tabolt stated that he and Parking Services have agreed with the BFA that it is probably inappropriate not to give free permits to those who did not pay in to the Parking Program before retirement, but that a reasonable retiree permit policy will still need to be developed that accounts for the diminishing supply and increasing demand for parking on campus. Tabolt suggested that Parking not go ahead with the current proposal, but that they return to the Executive Committee at a later date to work out how to approach such a policy.

Discussion followed. John Daily stated that an important consideration is that the utilization rate is likely to be lower for retirees. Joe Roy noted that \$35,000 dollars in lost revenue at Euclid Auto Park last year is due to high usage by retirees. Jim Fadenrecht noted that Parking Service's financial projections for the bond that initially paid for construction of the lot are based on steadily increasing utilization and so are not being met because Euclid is currently at maximum capacity. Daily suggested that the location of each retiree's permit be tied to the location of his or her permit before retirement. Kaempfer suggested that Parking Services institute more differential in parking prices than is currently used on core campus. There was general agreement that further discussion of the policy would be productive.

D. Old Business

Proposed Course Forgiveness Policy

UCSU Representative Trey Lyons stated that UCSU will move forward with the proposal, which would add a course forgiveness feature to CU's Policy on the repetition of courses. Lyons requested that the BFA Executive Committee bring the proposal as a motion to the BFA in the fall. Martha Jo Sani stated that the matter needs more discussion.

(Motion # BFA-M-1-0599)

MOVED by Bob Schulzinger and seconded by Barbara Bintliff that UCSU's proposed changes to CU's policy on the repetition of courses be brought as a motion to the BFA.

The motion carried with one opposed.

Discussion followed. John Cooper requested that the issue be revisited by the 1999-2000 BFA Executive Committee before being brought to the full BFA.

Proposed Academic Calendar Changes

Martha Jo Sani stated that the Academic Affairs committee has found the proposal acceptable, with the caveat that classes with labs are less impacted by the fall break if it falls on a Monday and Tuesday, rather than a Thursday and Friday.

Discussion followed.

Schulzinger noted that the academic calendar has changed with regularity in the past, leaving open the possibility for making changes to refine the calendar in the future, and stated his support for the changes. Kaempfer requested a vote for a general agreement of support for the new schedule.

(Motion or Resolution?)

(Resolution # BFA-R-2-0599)

MOVED by Martha Jo Sani on behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee that the Executive Committee support the Academic Calendar changes developed by Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Bill Kaempfer that allow for the institution of a Fall Break at CU Boulder.

The motion carried with one opposed.

Discussion followed. Barbara Bintliff asked that it be clearly noted that the Law School sets its own calendar and is exempt from the Fall Break Proposal, and Kaempfer responded that the campus accepts that situation. Bob Schulzinger stated that reading days are superfluous, and can be eliminated. Cathy Comstock disagreed.

E. Discussion

BFA Transition Issues

BFA Chair Elect Frank Beer stated that vacancies in BFA seats and on committees are an opportunity, not a problem. There was general agreement that the Executive Committee would meet as needed over the summer, and that Bob Schulzinger will be generally available to Chair meetings if needed while Beer is absent. A change in the Executive Committee meeting room was discussed.

Beer introduced the following calendar items for this summer and fall (NOTE: Changes have been made since the meeting and are recorded below):

July 28th, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Summer BFA Executive Committee meeting, UMC Room 230.

August 26th, Faculty Welcome Breakfast, co-sponsored with the Chancellor's office (time and place to be announced).

August 28th (Saturday), 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Summer BFA Executive Committee Meeting, Regent room 302.

Aug 23rd, 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Initial BFA Executive Committee meeting of the fall semester, UMC Room 230.

F. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Boulder Faculty Assembly Executive Committee will be Wednesday, July 28th, 1999 in UMC Room 230 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.